IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

STEFAN PHILIPP

PHD 99-100

Serial No.

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Concurrently

ENCODING METHOD FOR CARRYING OUT CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

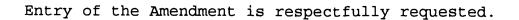
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, change "one of the preceding Claims" to --Claim 1--.

REMARKS

The claims are amended to remove multiple dependency without change in scope.



Respectfully submitted,

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